

City of JOLIET Illinois Newsletter

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WINTER 2019

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

City of Joliet Winter Snow Event Guidelines

The winter season is here and as the possibilities for winter storms increase, residents are reminded of the City of Joliet snow removal policies and actions for the 2018-2019 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home while it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the City of Joliet snow plows will inadvertently push snow on sidewalks at

intersection corners. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential/business owner to remove these snow berms from the corners of intersections.

Due to the volume of streets to be cleared of snow and the staffing and equipment available, snow plows will not return to streets that had parked cars on them until after the entire snow removal process has been completed. This will be a day or two after the initial snow has been cleared.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major Arterial streets, hospital routes, hills, and bridges.
2. Subdivision main routes and collector streets.
3. All remaining subdivision streets.
4. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

Note: The City does NOT plow alleys.

Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. The City asks for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

Due to the cost of de-icing materials, it is Roadway Division's Policy to utilize salt on major arterials and subdivision mains at intersections and mid blocks only and utilize a mixture of salt at the intersections only on the subdivision streets. Therefore, it should not be expected that these streets would immediately be clear to pavement.

A mixture of sun and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above-pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, "snow berms" are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the "snow berms" of snow coming off the edge of the blade. The Roadways Division tries to keep this problem to a minimum.

In addition, this mixture is less corrosive to the streets, vehicles, and vegetation within the City of Joliet.

Residents should expect to see a brownish residue on the streets as opposed to the white residue. As with the salt, this material is easily washed off vehicles.

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Chemicals used in Snow Fighting

The City of Joliet utilizes a mixture of rock salt and organic liquids containing sugar beet juice in the fight against snow accumulation and freezing on the roadways. This combination allows for the material to be effective to below fifteen (15) degrees and above zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit.

Snow Parking Ban

On-street parking is prohibited by City Ordinance 16900, Section 19-142, for any snowfall accumulations of 2 inches or more. Parked cars are an obstacle to the snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadways. Once the snow plow trucks have cleared the street by your home or business, you may move your vehicle back to the street.

Some older neighborhoods in Joliet do not have adequate off-street parking options. In those areas residents are encouraged to seek permission from neighbors who have off-street parking spaces and other parking options such as commercial or church parking lots that will allow streets to be clear of vehicles for all snow clearing efforts to be effective.

The Joliet Police Department will have the option of issuing a parking ticket to the owner of a vehicle left on a city street during a snow event as well as having the option of having the vehicle towed, or both. All towing and storage costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

Hollywood Road/Houbolt Road Extension Project

The State of Illinois, City of Joliet, Will County and CenterPoint Properties have entered into a public-private Agreement to improve Houbolt Road from I-80 south across the Des Plaines River to Schweitzer Road. This project shall provide an alternative north access to the CenterPoint Joliet and Elwood intermodal facilities.

In addition, the project will reduce congestion on local and state routes, promote public safety, create new jobs and improve the local economy.

See 'Road Extension' on page 2

Winter Salt Use for Residents

Road salt and driveway de-icers wash off paved surfaces and end up in our local waters. From your driveway or sidewalk, salt can readily flow to storm drains and into streams and lakes. Chlorides from salt are harmful to wildlife, plants, and aquatic organisms.

Here are ways to reduce the water quality impact of de-icer usage:

- Always shovel surfaces before applying salt or de-icer. Clearing surfaces of snow can prevent ice from forming later.
- Chip ice off pavement where possible, with care not to damage the pavement surface.
- Don't apply salt when its 15° F or colder, as most salt stops working below 15° F.
- Use only as much salt as needed. A 12-ounce cup of salt is usually enough to clear a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.
- Be patient. Salt doesn't work immediately upon application; it needs time to work.
- Sweep up any residual excess salt for the next usage; don't let rain or snow melt wash it away.
- Consider spreading sand or kitty litter on slippery surfaces as an alternative.

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The privately financed project includes a 1.5 mile long extension of Houbolt Road from U.S. Route 6 south to Schweitzer Road with a new bridge over the Des Plaines River. This roadway shall be four-lanes constructed with storm sewer, curb and gutter and a traffic signal at the intersection of Schweitzer Road and Houbolt Road extension.

The public improvements shall include the reconstruction of Hollywood Road / Houbolt Road from Interstate 80 south to U.S. Route 6. This project shall include modifying the existing diamond interchange at Houbolt Road and Interstate 80 to a diverging diamond interchange, the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Houbolt Road and Mound Road and modifying the traffic signals at the intersection of Houbolt Road and U.S. Route 6.

Houbolt Road shall be reconstructed to include a five lane cross section with curb and gutter and storm sewer and include a new bridge over the Tributary to the Rock Run South to reduce flooding. There will also be a new multi-use path extension to the lower Rock Run Preserve on the west side of Hollywood Road / Houbolt Road. The City of Joliet is also working closely with the Forest Preserve District of Will County on the pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, storm water management, and ecological restoration initiatives within the adjacent Forest Preserve.

The privately financed portion of the improvement is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2019 with the public portion of construction to follow in the Summer of 2019.

When completed, the public and private projects will provide a new direct route between I-80 and the local Intermodal Facilities while reducing truck traffic along Illinois Route 53.



Happy Holidays from the Mayor & Joliet City Council

The Mayor and City Council hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a great New Year in 2019! Front Row (L-R) Councilwoman Bettie Gavin, Mayor Bob O'Dekirk, Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman. Back Row (L-R) Councilman Don "Duck" Dickinson, Councilman John Gerl, Councilman Larry Hug, Councilman Terry Morris, Councilman Mike Turk and Councilman Pat Mudron.

New Year Greetings from Mayor O'Dekirk

Message from Bob O'Dekirk, Mayor of Joliet

Dear Neighbor,

As we end 2018, I hope all of our residents have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the holiday season.

2018 was another exciting year in the City of Joliet. We continue to experience economic growth all over the city from the 15 million dollar investment by Love's truck stop on the East side to the opening of Binny's Beverage Depot near Louis Joliet Mall. The Joliet West varsity Cheerleading squad and the JTHS Special Education Basketball Team both brought pride to our City by winning state championships. Harrah's Casino celebrated their 25th anniversary in downtown Joliet. In June, Governor Rauner visited Joliet to



BOB O'DEKIRK
Mayor of Joliet

participate in the ribbon cutting at Joliet Gateway Center train station downtown. Joliet's downtown continues its revival as the engineering plans to reopen Chicago Street and build a city center plaza have moved forward and construction of the new Will County Courthouse has turned into a reality.

In 2018, the City of Joliet took control of the Collins Street Prison through a 5 year lease. The City, working with the Joliet Historical Museum, immediately began the cleanup of this site. The number of volunteers from our community, including the volunteer efforts from the Will/Grundy County trade unions, has been fantastic. The effort culminated in the Great Joliet Prison Break-In Event in August, which officially marked the re-opening of the prison for tourism. These efforts will continue into 2019, as this area of blight in our city continues its revival.

I would like to thank City staff and the Joliet City Council for their efforts in 2018, and look forward to facing all challenges in 2019 as we continue to move our great city forward.

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The City of Joliet will be proactive in their snow fighting with the application of an anti-icing program where the streets are treated with a chemical composition to combat the onset of the accumulation of snow and ice and also prohibit the bond between the snow and ice and the pavement. This will allow for a quicker cleanup of the roadways, while also slowing down the snow/ice accumulation on the roadways.

This chemical composition to be used consists of salt brine, beet juice, and calcium chloride. Residents should expect to see this on the main routes throughout the City. As more equipment becomes available this treatment will be expanded to all the streets in the City of Joliet.

During Snowfall Events

The City of Joliet Roadways Division will mobilize its crews when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain.

The Roadways Division is responsible for over 600 Centerline Miles of roadway with a fleet of 39 snow plow trucks and a crew of 39 employees.

Joliet has a goal of clearing all streets within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Heavier snows often take longer to clear.

Shoveling Guidelines

The following are shoveling guidelines for City of Joliet residents and commercial property owners.

- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways, and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

Mailboxes

The City of Joliet Roadways Division makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In many cases of wet snow, the snow or plow blade may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street. This is unavoidable. Mailbox damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you have mailbox damage please call (815) 724-3651 and if you have sod damage, please call (815) 724-3652.



Nowell Park Recreation Center Opens

The Joliet Park District's \$7.7 million Nowell Park Recreation Center on Mills Road opened in October. If you are a resident of Joliet and you want to work out, this beautiful facility is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Nowell Park Recreation Center offers the following features:

- Fitness center featuring CYBEX equipment
- Two full-size courts for basketball, volleyball and pickle ball.
- Indoor walking track, 12 laps to a mile.
- Community rooms
- Early childhood program room

This amazing facility has something for everyone in your whole family. The center houses year-round programming, seasonal activities, special events, and community meetings.

Resident prices for a full club membership which include the fitness floor and walking track are \$200 for ages 13-61, additional family members pay \$90 per person and seniors are \$125 with additional seniors from the same family costing \$80.

If you like to walk and just want a place to walk inside when it is cold or icy, Residents can walk on the indoor track for \$2 per day or buy a pass for 5 days for \$10 and you get a 6th day for free.

The Nowell Park Recreation Center is located at 199 Mills Road, Joliet, IL, (815) 741-7275, ext. 700.

The City of Joliet will not reimburse for any mailbox damage on improperly located mailboxes. The standard and accepted mailbox placement should be 42 inches measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the mailbox. The mailbox should be located so the front of the box is no closer than 6 inches from the back of curb. Any questions regarding the placement of mailboxes should be directed to the Joliet Post Office at (815) 773-1089.

Winter Preparedness Kits

VEHICLE:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid Kit
- High calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Battery booster cable
- GPS or maps

WORK AND HOME:

- Battery powered NOAA weather radio
- Extra food and water
- Extra prescription medication
- First aid supplies
- Emergency heat source (wood stove, fireplace, space heater)
- Food, water, and shelter for pets
- Sand or kitty litter
- Shovel

If you must travel during bad weather, make sure your gas tank is full and you have a survival kit in your vehicle. Tell your family and friends where you are going, the roads you plan on taking, and your expected time of arrival. If you become stranded on the road during a winter storm call for help. Do not try to walk to safety. Stay in your vehicle and attach a cloth to the antenna or window to indicate you need help. Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.

Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Uniting Americans in National Day of Service

Monday, January 21, 2019 marks the Anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday across the country. Americans will answer Dr. King's call to action: "What are you doing for others?" by joining in volunteer efforts to serve their neighbors and communities.

Students political and community leaders, nonprofit, faith-based, educational, neighborhood organizations and individuals in Joliet/Will County will complete community projects that day, including painting, beautifying schools, serving meals, and providing voter registration and much more. Residents of all ages and backgrounds will help advance Dr. King's vision of equality and opportunity for all by making the holiday a "Day On, Not A Day Off"—and the beginning of an ongoing commitment to serve throughout the year.



In the past 13 Years, there have been 16,849 Hours of Service donated to 293 Community Projects. 750-1000 people volunteer for this service project every year. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause this year.

Nonprofit organizations are asked to submit their (3) hour project requests to the United Way of Will County via fax (815) 723-2814 or via e-mail mike@uwill.org no later than January 10, 2019.

Volunteers are asked to register with Ericka Williams via e-mail at ewilliams@cc-doj.org or call (815) 724-1142.

Schedule of Events - January 21, 2019

Joliet Central High School Student Center 201 E. Jefferson St, Joliet, Free parking is available in the school lots	Program Launch Breakfast 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
Volunteer Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m.	Projects Completed: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
	Project Recap and Lunch 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.



Update on Joliet's Urban Forest

2018 Was 4th Year of 10-Year City Tree Growing Contract

2018 was the fourth year of a ten-year city tree growing contract which provides for a diverse selection of young trees to be planted in parkways and public areas throughout the city.

If a resident feels adequate space is available and would like a tree planted in the parkway, please visit the city's website where you can find a request form for a new tree. Go to the City of Joliet website at cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-works/forestry/forms. Click on the form that says "Requesting a New Tree to be Planted". Forms can also be picked up at Joliet City Hall at 150 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Joliet.

For those who have received trees from the City of Joliet in the past few years please don't forget to water them. It is the residents' responsibility to water their parkway tree. Check the soil a few inches down to see if it is dry. Pour three to four five-gallon buckets of water slowly near the base of the tree or use a slow trickle from the hose for 15-20 minutes.

Apply mulch if needed and mulch as far out as the branches reach, two to three inches deep. Do not pile mulch around the base of the tree.

TO PROTECT TREES IN WINTER:

- Always avoid late summer fertilization or pruning which might stimulate new growth.
- Use mulch to conserve soil moisture and insulate roots from cold temperatures. To prevent insect and disease damage to the tree, always form a circle of mulch spreading it away from the trunk rather than a mound or volcano covering the trunk. A moderate amount of mulch every few years is sufficient. The area where the trunk flares into the roots should be visible.
- Protect evergreens from wind and salt spray with burlap screens.
- Carefully remove heavy snow from branches of hardwoods before it freezes to the limbs. Removing Ice encased on branches can cause additional damage. Instead, allow ice to melt off naturally.

Stump Removal Continues Throughout City

Due to the continuing removal operations regarding the Emerald Ash Trees, there are many stumps throughout the City that will not be ground out until sometime in the future. The City of Joliet is asking for cooperation from the adjacent homeowners to maintain any growth that will begin to sprout from the existing stumps until we can have time to remove them. As the process of removing all of the Emerald Ash trees has been continuous for several years so may be the process of removing the stumps. The City thanks you in advance for your patience and help with these trees and stumps.

2019 Election Information - Key Dates to remember

Offices that are up for election on April 2, 2019 in the City of Joliet are Mayor, Councilmanic Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Joliet residents who reside in Will County can register to vote and/or request a "Vote by Mail" ballot by visiting thewillcountyclerk.com.

Joliet residents who reside in Kendall County can register to vote and/or request a "Vote by Mail" ballot by visiting co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration.



March 5, 2019

Last Day to Register to Vote in person or by mail

March 17, 2019

Last Day to Register to Vote online

March 28, 2019

Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot

April 2, 2019

Election Day

SAFETY TIPS & INFORMATION

City of Joliet Reminds Residents to Change Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries When You Turn Clocks "Forward" on March 10, 2019

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS - CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

The City of Joliet reminds residents that when they adjust their clocks due to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 10, 2019, which begins at 2 a.m. to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in a smoke alarms should be changed at least twice a year.



The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are asleep. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. A working smoke alarm can give your family the extra seconds you need to get out of a home fire safely. In addition, families should plan and practice their home fire escape plan, knowing "two ways out" and how they would assist children and those who may require assistance.

The following safety tips about smoke alarms could save lives:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. For extra safety install smoke alarms both inside and outside any sleeping areas, especially if you sleep with your bedroom door closed.
- Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust can interfere with how your smoke alarm works. Regularly vacuum over your smoke alarm.
- The "chirping" noise you may hear could mean your battery is low. Replace the battery right away.
- Replace your smoke alarms about every 10 years. They do wear out, so write the purchase date with a marker on the back of your smoke alarm. That way you know when it should be replaced.

Fire Chief Joe Formhals states "Don't forget to make changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors a priority as Spring approaches. Your family's safety and health depend on it."

Call for Nominations: Annual Joliet Historic Preservation Award

The City of Joliet bestows an Annual Joliet Historic Preservation Award that recognizes properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as people who exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation.

Nominations for this award are due March 1, 2019. Nomination forms can be found on the City's Historic Preservation Commission website at cityofjoliet.info/government/boards-commissions/joliet-historic-preservation-commission or can be picked up in the Community Development Department at City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL.

For more information, please contact Jayne M. Bernhard, Secretary to the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission at (815) 724-4052 or via email at jbernhard@jolietcity.org.

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español

Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina cityofjoliet.info/what-s-new/city-newsletters

2019 Joliet City Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Joliet City Council are held in the Council Chambers of the Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. All meetings are open to the public.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS *1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. except as noted**

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| • DEC 31 CANCELED | • JULY 1 |
| • JANUARY 14 | • JULY 15 |
| • FEBRUARY 4 | • AUGUST 5 |
| • FEBRUARY 19* | • AUGUST 19 |
| • MARCH 4 | • SEPTEMBER 3* |
| • MARCH 18 | • SEPTEMBER 16 |
| • APRIL 1* | • SEPTEMBER 30 |
| • APRIL 15 | • OCTOBER 15* |
| • MAY 6 | • NOVEMBER 4 |
| • MAY 20 | • NOVEMBER 18 |
| • JUNE 3 | • DECEMBER 2 |
| • JUNE 17 | • DECEMBER 16 |

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS *1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. except as noted**

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| • JANUARY 1
CANCELED | • JULY 2 |
| • FEBRUARY 5 | • JULY 16 |
| • FEBRUARY 19* | • AUGUST 6 |
| • MARCH 5 | • AUGUST 20 |
| • MARCH 19 | • SEPTEMBER 3* |
| • APRIL 1* | • SEPTEMBER 17 |
| • APRIL 16 | • OCTOBER 1 |
| • MAY 7 | • OCTOBER 15* |
| • MAY 21 | • NOVEMBER 5 |
| • JUNE 4 | • NOVEMBER 19 |
| • JUNE 18 | • DECEMBER 3 |
| | • DECEMBER 17 |

* Meetings on February 19, September 3, and October 15 are combined Pre-Council and Council meetings and will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Meeting held on April 1 will be a combined meeting and will be held on Monday at 5:30 p.m. Both Pre-Council and Council meetings are regular meetings for purposes of the Open Meetings Act.

Meetings will be held in an accessible location. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (815) 724-3780.

Live, online streaming of Regular City Council and Pre-Council meetings is now available at cityofjoliet.info. Videos and agenda packets can be accessed by clicking on the link at the center of the home page for "Meetings and Agendas." The page includes archived footage and interactive agendas available for the public to view at their convenience.

Frequently Asked Questions About Garbage & Recycling

When does yard waste pickup start in 2019? Yard Waste Pickup will begin Monday March 11, 2019 and the last pickup will be December 6, 2019.

How do I dispose of my live Christmas tree? Please place it at the curb after Christmas on your regular garbage day. If it is over 5 feet in length, please cut it in half.

My recycling, garbage or yard waste wasn't pick-up today who do I call? Were your items curbside before 7 a.m. of your collection day? Did the driver leave any tags on the items that weren't picked up? If your items were out before 7 a.m. on your collection day and there is no tag on your items, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to report that your totes were not picked up.

What do I do if I have a TV, old cans of paint, pesticides, motor oil, swimming pool chemicals, or syringes? If you have these items, do NOT place them in the regular trash bins. Instead reach out to Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection service to schedule a free home collection. To learn more, residents can go to wmatyourdoor.com or call 1-800-449-7587. All liquids must be placed, in a



sealed, non-leaking container and syringes/needles must be placed inside of a sealed, rigid, puncture-resistant container.

Can I place an old couch or mattress curbside for pick-up? Yes, these items are part of weekly collection as long as they are pest and moisture free. If moisture is predicted in the forecast your couch or mattress would need to be covered in plastic in order to prevent it from getting wet. If your mattress gets wet or contains pests you can call Got Junk at 1-800-GOT-JUNK or 1-800-468-5865 to schedule a pickup for a fee. If you own a King or Cali King mattress please fold in half and tie as it is easier for a driver to pick up that way. Contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

How can I dispose of an old white goods item? You can schedule a white goods pick up by contacting Waste Management at (815) 280-7854. All doors need to be removed from refrigerators and freezers, hot water tanks need to be empty of water. This is part of the weekly pickup and no additional fees are charged.

How do I dispose of an old water softener? Water softeners are considered as garbage. Prior to placing curbside on your collection day, water softeners need to be drained of all water or salt in order for your Waste Management driver to pick up this item.

How do I dispose of an old toilet? Please remove

the tank and all water out of the toilet and bag it with your regular garbage on your collection day. Also, if possible, please separate into 2 pieces. bowl and tank separate.

Will Waste Management pick up old carpet rolls? Yes as long as they are cut into 4 foot sections, and bound with twine or tape and are free of moisture. Bound carpet rolls cannot exceed 50 lbs. per bundle.

I've got tree stumps, old landscaping bricks, fencing and whole tree's to be disposed will Waste Management take these items? No, please contact the Will County Land Use Division at (815) 727-8834 or go to their website at willcountygovern.com/recycling_centers.aspx to find out where these items can be taken to for disposal within Will County.

My neighbors moved out and left a mountain of garbage and furniture curbside and Waste Management didn't pick it up, who do we contact? To report large amounts of garbage or eviction piles of junk within a City parkway contact the City Hall Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

My garbage/recycling toter has been damaged. How do I get it repaired or replaced? Call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to make arrangements to have it repaired or a new container delivered and the damaged one(s) picked up, free of charge.

Please remember to put your carts in the parkway, not the street and do not park in front of them. It is hazardous to place garbage carts in the street and it can block snow plows, street sweepers, emergency vehicles, and other vehicles.

2019 Waste Management Holiday Schedule

The City of Joliet has contracted with Waste Management, Inc., to provide collection service for garbage, recyclables, and landscape waste throughout the City of Joliet on 5 different days of the week. On certain holidays, the collection service does not occur on the scheduled day, but collection service resumes on the following day. The Holiday Collection Schedule for 2019 is listed below. If you have any questions concerning the schedule or your pick-up day, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Day	Date	Holiday	Schedule
Tuesday	January 1	New Years Day*	Tuesday-Friday One Day Late
Monday	January 21	Martin Luther King	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	February 18	President's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Friday	April 19	Good Friday	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day*	One Day Late All Week
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day*	Thursday-Friday One Day Late
Monday	September 2	Labor Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	October 14	Columbus Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	November 11	Veteran's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Thursday	November 28	Thanksgiving*	Thurs./Fri. Pickup 1 Day Late
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas*	One Day Late Wednesday - Friday
Wednesday	Jan. 1, 2020	New Year's Day*	One Day Late Wednesday - Friday

* The only holidays that will affect regularly scheduled pick up days in 2019.

Library Events



All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

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December 29 » 2-3 p.m.
END OF THE YEAR FAMILY STORYTIME
Ottawa Street Branch
Children of all ages with adult, no registration
Countdown to 2019 during the last storytime of the year.

December 31 »
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
"NOON" YEAR'S EVE
Black Road Branch
Children of all ages with adults, registration is already open. Celebrate the end of 2018 with us. We will have party games, crafts, and a special countdown to noon.

January 10 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.
YOGA, BREATH, AND MEDITATION WITH GINA SLAGER
Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, registration is already open
In this class, Gina Slager will guide us through yoga practice along with deep breathing and meditation techniques. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel.

January 12, 19, 26 »
10-11 a.m.
ELL STUDIES
Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, no registration
Is English not your first language, but you'd like to learn more about it? Are you temporarily in the area and need some experience speaking English? These free sessions are taught by a certified instructor.

January 13 » 2-4 p.m.
TEN PEOPLE FROM ILLINOIS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

Ottawa Street Branch
All ages with adult, no registration
We'll look at ten intriguing people from Illinois, including heads of state, newsmakers, inventors, and others.

January 16 » 6-7:30 p.m.
SPECIAL NEEDS HANDS-ON FUN
Black Road Branch
Grades 5-12, registration is already open
Tweens and teens of all abilities are invited for a hands-on science and art experience.

January 26 » 1-3 p.m.
SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE
Black Road Branch
Children of all ages with adult, no registration
Stop by to experience the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate video game, new to Nintendo Switch.

January 29 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.
INDOOR SNOW FUN.
Black Road Branch
Children of all ages with adult, registration opens Jan 7
Come enjoy some great snow related activities such as making snowflakes and have an indoor snowball fight with friends.

January 29 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.
LET'S THROW PAINT AT SOMETHING
Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 3-7, no registration
It's January. It's cold. Let's throw paint at something. Come see how fun splatter painting is.

January 31 » 6:30-8 p.m.
THE GREAT READ KICKOFF: WIZARD OF OZ TRIVIA NIGHT
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages with adult, registration is already open
Follow the yellow "book" road all the way to our Ottawa Street Branch to celebrate

the kickoff of The Great Read. Bring your heart, brains and courage and match wits with your fellow Will County players, and friendly librarians, for a chance to win it all.

February 7 » 4-5 p.m.
WILL IT WAFFLE?
Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 7-12, registration is already open
Can anything be a waffle? What about tater tots? Or cookie dough? Find out at Will It Waffle.

February 9 » 1-3 p.m.
HAWAIIAN LUAU
Black Road Branch
All ages, no registration
Got cabin fever? Join us for an all-out beach bash in the middle of winter.

February 12 » 2-3 p.m.
MOVIE AND BOOK DISCUSSION: THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ
Black Road Branch
Adults, registration is already open
Enjoy refreshments and treats, and a lively discussion of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.

February 13 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.
KITTEN CAPERS
Black Road Branch
Grades K-2, registration opens Jan 29
Kittens, kittens, kittens. We will have cute cat crafts, games and activities.

February 24 » 2-2:45 p.m.
TALL TALES & SILLY SONGS
Black Road Branch
Ages 2-10 with adult, no registration
Joliet musician Todd Downing will have kids and parents moving and grooving, laughing all the way.

Upcoming Shows at Rialto Square Theatre

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. For tickets, please go to rialtosquare.com or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. The Rialto Square box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or you can call them at (815) 726-6600 if you need more information. Visit rialtosquare.com for more information on all upcoming shows.

January 25 » 7:30 p.m.
WYNONNA AND THE BIG NOISE
Tickets start at \$33.50
Respected by the millions of fans who are drawn to her music and undeniable talent, Wynonna's rich and commanding voice has sold over 30-million albums worldwide spanning her remarkable 34-year career.

January 27 » 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY RIALTO SQUARE THEATRE BRIDAL EXPO
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door
Enjoy vendors from around Chicagoland as they help you plan your perfect wedding.

January 28 » 10 a.m.
AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON
A part of the Rialto Square Theatre School (Grades 1-3)
Tickets: \$7
ArtsPower's uniquely funny and forthright musical portrays a feisty young girl who refuses to let her problems get the better of her.

February 10 » 7:30 p.m.
POSTMODERN JUKEBOX: WELCOME TO THE TWENTIES 2.0 TOUR
Tickets start at \$29.50
To usher in the upcoming Twenty-Twenties, famed time-twisting musical collective Postmodern Jukebox will circumnavigate the globe in 2019 on their Welcome to the Twenties 2.0 Tour.

February 21 » 10 a.m.
SHAUN BOOTHE PRESENTS THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY SERIES
A part of the Rialto Square Theatre School (Grades 4-12)
Tickets \$7
By "learning from the greats," students can examine their own strengths and goals, and take away actionable lessons with which to energize their lives in this "Hamilton" like performance of real life heroes.

March 7 » 10 a.m.
LAURA INGALLS WILDER
A part of the Rialto Square Theatre School (Grades 2-6)
Tickets: \$7
Laura and her family travel across America in search of a place they can call home. See this classic tale brought to life on stage.

Winter Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Is winter weather giving you cabin fever? We have the cure. From live performances to films, we have something for everyone. Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. Call (815) 724-3761, or go to website at bicentennialpark.org for more information.

January 18 » 7 p.m. **EMERGING PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL**

\$3 admission
Local students in eighth grade through twelfth grade present original short form plays. Students submitted their original 15 minute scripts for submission to this festival. Chosen scripts are produced and performed one night only.

January 19 - February 23 »
9 a.m. and 10:30am
A CLASS ACT DRAMA CLASSES
\$65 ages 6-11 and \$75 ages 11 - 18
Our younger class learns the basics of theatre and presents a one act play on

the last class. Our older class focuses on auditions, improv and character analysis.

January 26 » 7 p.m.
IMPROV UNCORKED featuring "We've Said Worse"
FREE. Get your laughs on. A fun night of comedy improv geared for adults and teens, performed by adults and teens. Cash bar open.

February 15 - 17 & 22 - 24 » 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
MUSICAL THEATRE
\$15/\$12 students and seniors
The Joliet Drama Guild brings a favorite musical for the whole family featuring local talent. More info to come.

March 2 » 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
FAITH BASED THEATRE
\$5 admission
An original adult faith based play by Kimberly D. Garrett.

Winter Fun With the Joliet Park District

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks, 3 golf courses, an ice skating rink, the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 for more information about all of their facilities and events below. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

January 12 » 12 - 12:45 p.m. (Session A) or 1 - 1:45 p.m. (Session B)
TALES OF THE UNDERGROUND
Pilcher Park Nature Center
All ages
Passengers on the Underground Railroad struggled with hunger, cold, unfamiliar surroundings, never knowing who to trust, and the overwhelming fear of getting caught. This special event offers a glimpse

into what fugitive slaves endured on their trip to freedom. Families and groups welcome.

Weigh-in: January 21 - 22 (5 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
Weigh-out: March 6 - 7 (5 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
DONATE YOUR WEIGHT
Inwood Athletic Club Community Room
The Joliet area is always up for a challenge! Last year, the Joliet Park District asked the community to unite for a good cause and donate their weight (loss). The participants answered the call for help and lost a total of 1,956.5 pounds that was then donated in dollars to a local charity. The challenge is on again and we need the community to come together, get healthier AND help a great cause. This year, the amount of weight lost will be donated in dollars to Team Make a Difference. Gather your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers and register for this FREE program. It feels good to get healthier, and it feels great to give! Prize: Top male and female

March 4 » 2 p.m.
J-TOWN FILM FEST
\$5 admission
Presenting Joliet's own film festival featuring original works from independent film makers. All short films, it is open for high school age and beyond. Come and see the winning selections from six categories and vote for your favorite.

March 8 » 7 p.m.
IMPROV UNCORKED featuring "We've Said Worse"
FREE. Get your laughs on. A fun night of comedy improv geared for adults and teens, performed by adults and teens. Cash bar open.

March 21 - 23 » 7 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday
Joliet Catholic Academy (JCA) SPRING MUSICAL
Cost: Contact JCA for tickets at (815) 741-0500.
Come see these talented local teens in a full musical production.

March 29 » 7 p.m.
IMPROV UNCORKED featuring "We've Said Worse"
FREE. Get your laughs on. A fun night of comedy improv geared for adults and teens, performed by adults and teens. Cash bar open.

participant, based on highest percentage of body weight lost, will win a prize package that includes an Inwood Athletic Club annual membership and club locker room membership. All those that weigh in and out will receive an Inwood Athletic Club t-shirt. Every pound can "make a difference!" Cash donations for Team Make a Difference are also accepted at any Joliet Park District desk.

February 17 » 12 - 3 p.m.
GRANDPARENTS' VALENTINES CELEBRATION DAY
Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center (Gym)
\$20 couple | \$10 add'l child | \$5 add'l grandparent
Ages: 3+
Who doesn't love spending time with their special Nana or Poppy? This day is filled with love and fun. There will be music, crafts, bounce houses, movement activities, games, contests, lunch and dessert. Come spend the afternoon with your very first Valentine.

Joliet Historical Museum Exhibits/Events

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. Some of the Special and ongoing exhibits are listed below. For more information including museum hours and admission prices, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201. Joliet Residents receive \$1 off of all general admission levels.

Now - January 13
LAST CALL FOR ALCOHOL!
Visit the museum to learn more about the rise, fall, and rebirth of Joliet's breweries: from Prohibition to World War 2 and today's renaissance of craft beer.

February 1 - September 16
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND: BEHIND PRISON WALLS
Learn the history behind the walls and what is being done today to preserve the Joliet Prison site. In addition, see artwork created from vandalized buildings by the artists of the "Burnt District".

February
FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON
In partnership with University of St. Francis and the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate - Anti-Racism Committee, discover the history of the first recognized American diocesan priest of African descent.

February
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING
In the month of February we will be hosting several educational programs in regards to Black History Month. Check our website jolietmuseum.org for more information.

March-April
PRAIRIE FARMSTEAD
In partnership with the USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, check out what farm life was like along Route 66 during its heyday.